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THE JUNGLE GODDESS

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Episode #2 "The City of Blind Waters"

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Tom-Tom sends Wapu, the elephant, after Thunderman. A wild race thru the jungle follows. Thunderman reaches the cave just as the claws of the image are closing about Betty. The lions are scattered. He rescues her while Wapu pulls the lion about to leap at the girl, to the ground and stamps out its life.

They liberate Dean who catches Beta Oom and exposes him to his tribe. The high priest is ridiculed and suffers the humiliation which is worse than death to a savage. The tribe drives him with stones from their village.

Betty decides to return to civilization with Dean. Thunderman, her devoted chieftain goes along while Tom-Tom, against orders, follows the party.

Beta Oom, in the meanwhile has taken up his abode in the jungle. He has built himself a crude tree-hut and with two chimpanzees as his companions awaits the opportunity for revenge on the Jungle Goddess. Disguised as a beggar he encounters Betty and her party as they cut thru the country infested with ferocious lions and tigers. He offers his hut as a place of safety for the Goddess at night. Ralph Dean accepts.

While he and Thunderman sleep at the foot of the tree, Betty prepares to retire on the improvised cot, Beta Oom has prepared for her. Tom-Tom climbs a nearby tree and perches there for the night. Beta Oom had been awaiting this opportunity. He had taught one of the chimps to imitate him. With a knife in his hand he had repeatedly made thrusts at the straw covered couch and the chimpanzee followed suit and had become quite proficient in this stabbing operation.

While everyone is sleeping Beta Oom places a dagger in the chimps hands and motion to him to go to the tree-hut and practice. Just as the chimpanzee is about to plunge the knife into Betty, Tom-Tom spies him. She aims carefully and her arrow knocks the knife from the upraised arm of the chimp. Betty's screams bring Thunderman and Dean to her side. Beta Oom, enraged at the frustration of his plan, chokes Tom-Tom before an arrow from Thunderman can stop him. Beta Oom escapes.

Dean discovers that the chimps are not vicious. The brighteyed jungle denizens become devoted to Betty and they are adopted as members of the party. After days of traveling and fights with numerous lions, the party comes to the City of Blind Waters. Beta Oom has hurried ahead of them and warns the high priest there that Betty is a devilgoddess. When the villain learns that the city takes its name after a poisoned stream, the draught of which waters causes blindness, he plans a new revenge upon Betty. The high priest becomes his accomplice.

Pretending hospitality the strange priest offers Betty shelter while Thunderman and Ralph Dean are given blankets to sleep on. The high priest sends a slave to Betty, with a gourd containing the ill fated water. Betty drinks and becomes blind. Beta Oom has her placed into a crudely built canoe and mercilessly sets her adrift.

Thunderman is suddenly awakened and finds the floor giving way underneath him. He awakens Dean. But it is too late. The two are dropped into a strange cave. Thunderman is killed by the fall. Ralph picks himself up and finds himself surrounded by snarling lions.

Betty in the meanwhile is being whirled downstream. The thunder of the mighty falls below comes to her ears. She shrieks in terror as she blindly awaits the inevitable doom.

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